House District 3

Beth Kerttula, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: January 8, 1956

PLACE OF BIRTH: Guthrie, Oklahoma

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OCCUPATION: Attorney

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 46 years

 Juneau
 1988 to present

 Anchorage
 1981-1988

 Juneau & Palmer
 1960-1981

 Palmer
 1956-1960

EDUCATION:

Juneau Douglas and Palmer High Schools, 1970-1974, Diploma; Stanford University,1974-1978, B.A., Political Science; University of Santa Clara School of Law, 1978-1981, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska House, 1998-2002, Committees: Natural Resources, Judiciary, State Affairs, Fisheries, Economic Development & Tourism, Joint Merger, Finance Sub Committee; assistant attorney general, 1990-1998; counsel, Alaska State Judiciary Committee, 1987-1988; assistant public defender, 1982-1986.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Private law practice; past president, Alaska Bar Association; past chair, Coastal States Legal Council.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2; past president, Juneau Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Alaska Legal Services Pro Bono Program.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

My family, our dog, reading, walking, gardening.

OTHER:

Chosen as a Toll Fellow, 2002, Council of State Governments; Alaska Association for Community Education, 2000 Award for Outstanding Work by a Community Member (Urban).

STATEMENT:

It is an honor to serve the people of Juneau's House District 3. You have worked with me to make our capital a great place, and to reach out to the entire state on major issues such as fiscal policy and cruise ship pollution. I am continually impressed by our community spirit and involvement, and it is with a renewed commitment to representing our district that I am running for reelection.

During the past four years I have built strong, non-partisan relationships within the legislature that go beyond rhetoric and reach out for the best answers for Alaska's future. Issues I have focused on include

- ¥ Keeping the legislature and capital in Juneau,
- ¥ Strong, non-partisan, fiscal policy resolutions to budget issues.
- ¥ Economic development and a clean environment,
- ¥ Quality education for all Alaskan students (and quality day care for our littlest Alaskans), and
- ¥ Seniors' and Veterans' concerns.

From my work on the special committee that fought the BP-ARCO merger, to being the original sponsor of Alaska's landmark cruise ship legislation, I have a strong record that has gained respect from both sides of the aisle. I work hard, I focus on the issues, and I listen. While it has been great to see major bills such as the cruise legislation pass, it is even more gratifying to work personally with constituents on everything from health care to housing. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I would appreciate your vote.